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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH JOHN THOMSON ON UK  
PNE COMMITTEE

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1. AS MENTIONED REF A, PARA 6, UK DISARMAMENT  
ADVISER THOMSON CALLED ON ME MORNING OF 1/16 AND IN  
COURSE OF HOUR-LONG CONVERSATION WE REVIEWED, CHIEFLY  
FOR HIS BENEFIT, CURRENT STATE OF PLAY ON PROPOSED  
UK COMMITTEE ON PNES AND COURSE OF ACTION AGENCY HAS  
IN MIND.

2. THOMSON OPENED CONVERSATION BY EXPRESSING HIS  
PUZZLEMENT OVER WHAT HE HAD HEARD WERE OBJECTIONS OF  
EKLUND TO UK-PROPOSED COMMITTEE. UK, HE SAID, HAD  
AFTER ALL BEEN A PRIME MOVER IN SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN  
NEW YORK TO PRE-EMPT FOR IAEA ITS RIGHTFUL ROLE IN  
PNE ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEE CONCEPT WAS FURTHER STEP  
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IN THIS DIRECTION. HE ALSO WONDERED WHETHER PURPOSE OF

EKLUND'S LETTER TO FOUR SUPPLIER STATES (REF A) MIGHT NOT BE TO PROVIDE EXCUSE FOR ABANDONING UK PROPOSAL.

3. I INFORMED THOMSON OF EKLUND'S VIEWS AS I HAD GOTTEN THEM; I.E., THAT AGENCY'S INITIATIVES, OF WHICH EKLUND'S LETTER WAS A COMPONENT, WERE INTENDED TO FILL A POLITICAL NEED IMPOSED NOT ONLY BY UNGA RESOLUTION, BUT BY SEPTEMBER BOARD RESOLUTION. AGENCY'S EFFORTS WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO US AND USSR IN MAKING THEIR REQUIRED REPORT TO NPT REVIEW CONVERENCE. I SAID THAT EKLUND FEARED THAT PROPOSED COMMITTEE WOULD BECOME AN OBSTRUCTION TO AGENCY'S WORK AND CONSIDERATION OF IT SHOULD AWAIT RESULTS OF AGENCY'S WORK. HE ALSO HAD VISCERAL DISLIKE FOR COMMITTEE PROLIFERATION; AGENCY HAD GOTTEN ALONG WELL WITHOUT THEM THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY.

4. THOMSON REPLIED WITH SOME RELIEF THAT EKLUND'S PURPOSES WERE IN FACT HIS OWN. IT WAS NEVER UK INTENTION TO HAVE COMMITTEE SERVE ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN EXCLUSIVELY OPTICAL ONE OF ITS VERY EXISTENCE. LAST THING UK WANTED WAS AN INSTITUTION TO ACTUALLY CARRY OUT PNE SERVICES. THE SLOWER THE PACE OF COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES, AND THE LESS WORK DONE, THE BETTER. CRUCIAL RAISON D'ETRE WAS THAT COMMITTEE WOULD EXIST AS AN INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE TO ARTICLE V OF NPT AND THUS AT LEAST DISCOURAGE ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH OTHER AND LESS CONTROLLABLE INSTITUTIONS FOR PNE SERVICES. THOMSON THEN HANDED ME A REVISED DRAFT OF A UK RESOLUTION WHICH UK HOPED TO PRESENT TO FEBRUARY BOARD (TEXT AND MISSION COMMENTS TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL). HE OBSERVED THAT WORDING COMPLETELY OPEN TO CHANGE, BUT THAT ESSENTIAL POINT WAS THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE MANDATE TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF PNE'S WITHIN AGENCY'S COMPETENCE. UK WOULD INVITE COMMENTS ON DRAFT AT SCHEDULED 1/28 CONSULTATIONS, BUT WOULD LIKE US REACTION SOONEST.

5. SINCE THOMSON WAS SCHEDULED TO LUNCH WITH EKLUND 1/17, I SUGGESTED HE REASSURE THE DG ALONG THESE LINES. I ADDED THAT WHILE OFFICIAL SOVIET VIEWS ON THE COMMITTEE WERE NOT YET ENTIRELY CLEAR TO ME, ARKADIEV  
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SEEMED FAVORABLY DISPOSED AS LONG AS COMMITTEE COULD BE HELD IN CHECK AND NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN SUBSTANCE OF PNE MATTERS.

6. ON EKLUND'S LETTER, I STATED THAT AGENCY'S INTENTION WAS TO FIRST PROBE THOUGHTS OF FOUR MAJOR POTENTIAL SUPPLIER STATES BEFORE BROADENING CONSULTATIONS ON BASIC LEGAL ASPECTS TO INCLUDE OTHER STATES. WHILE I MADE CLEAR I

HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MATTER, WE AGREED THAT SUCH A SCENARIO WOULD ENHANCE CHANCES FOR BROADER CONSULTATIONS TAKING DESIRED DIRECTION.

7. IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH DG, THOMSON WILL BE MEETING WITH MANY OTHER MISSIONS IN VIENNA. HE NOTED THAT WITHOUT AT THIS TIME DISCLOSING DRAFT UK PROPOSAL, HE WOULD DISCUSS NEED TO RESPOND TO UNGA RESOLUTION AS WELL AS TO RECOMMENDATION OF SEPTEMBER BOARD WITH LOCAL REPS OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, INDIA, AND OTHERS IN ORDER PREPARE GROUND FOR WIDE SUPPORT WHEN UK RESOLUTION PRESENTED IN FINAL FORM.

8. THOMSON ALSO REVEALED THAT WITH AN EYE TO THE NPT REVCON IN MAY, HE WOULD SOUND OUT LOCAL MISSIONS REPS ON WHAT REVCON MIGHT DO ABOUT ARTICLE IV OF NPT. HIS INTENTION, HE SAID, WAS TO ATTEMPT DEFLECT SOME ATTENTION AWAY FROM ARTICLE V AND VI. PORTER

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